

MEMO

TO: Prevention Partnership Providers and
Local Public Health Units

FROM: Heather Weaver
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RE: Menactra Vaccine: VFC Only

DATE: May 3, 2006

Effective June 1, 2006, Menactra™ will be available only to children who are eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Due to national supply issues, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is not able to obtain enough Menactra™ to supply it universally to all recommended adolescents in North Dakota. These supply issues are expected to last for the next couple of years. Children eligible for VFC vaccine must be 18 years of age and younger and be Medicaid-eligible, have no insurance, be Native American or be underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccinations). Underinsured children must be vaccinated with VFC vaccine only at rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers. Providers should purchase private supplies of Menactra™ to vaccinate adolescents with insurance.

Menactra™ is universally recommended for all adolescents 11-12 years of age, catch-up at high school entry (15 years of age) and adolescents that will be attending college and living in dormitories. Other adolescents who wish to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease may also be vaccinated.

Please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions or concerns at 701.328.3386 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.